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“It is time for Avila to act boldly,
to serve boldly, to lead boldly,
to care boldly, and thus to boldly
reach out and make a difference.”

*Dr. Ron Slepitza, Avila University President
Inaugurated October 20, 2006*

A Season of Blessings



Dear Avila Alumni and Friends,

The past month and a half has been a season of blessing for so many of us, the Slepitz family included. The holiday season has always been a time rich with fond memories for me. A time well spent with family and friends with warm fires, hot chocolate, sledding, and celebrations abounding. A time of food too good and too plentiful for my waistline to easily manage, and a time of sports, both played and watched, with the occasional well-deserved nap. It was a season much anticipated and then over far too soon, but most importantly, it was a time with a deep sense of thankfulness to God for the many blessings in our lives.

I find myself completing this holiday season full of gratitude for this new family of Avila University who has so graciously welcomed my wife, Suzanne, and I as if we have been always a part of you. We find ourselves being welcomed into your gatherings and traditions with a sense that you are so grateful that we have joined you and are part of your family. I cannot tell you how comforting, moving, and meaningful that sense of welcome is to us. Indeed, this has been a season of blessings and thanksgiving, and I cannot help but think that God is smiling down on us for the ways in which we are generous with each other.

It is my most sincere wish that we, the people of Avila, will always be so welcoming to the neighbors in our midst, encouraging them to join us, opening our doors to them, inviting them onto our campus and to be part of us, our family. In so doing, I think we will find Christ in them and He in us. As a part of the Avila family, I ask that each of you resolve that this New Year, we will remember service to the dear neighbor, reaching out and opening our doors to others, as you have done for me.

Blessings,

Ronald A. Slepitz

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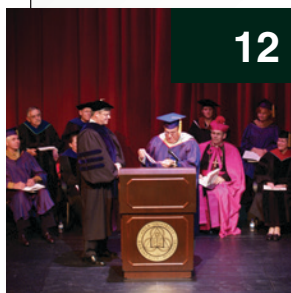
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Hundreds Witness Slepitza's October Inauguration

Nearly 400 faculty, staff, students, friends, family and delegates watched as Dr. Ron Slepitza accepted the call to service as Avila's 13th president. The inaugural ceremonies began with mass, presided by the Most Reverend Robert W. Finn, Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. There were eight concelebrants, including Rev. Michael G. Graham S.J., president of Xavier University.

The investiture ceremony, held in Goppert Theatre, included performances by the University Singers, Avila Singers, Men's and Women's Ensembles, Tom Stolberg,

DMA, Amity Bryson, DMA, and Linda Cleveland, Ph.D. on cello. Stanley Banks, Artist in Residence and assistant professor of English, read an original poem entitled "A Leader on the March," which encouraged Dr. Slepitza to "blaze the trail and spread Avila's mission to every region."

"I am completely overwhelmed by the outpouring of support by the Avila community," said Dr. Slepitza as he, his wife, Suzanne, and their two children, Molly and Andrew, greeted well-wishers during the reception. "Everyone has been so gracious and welcoming to my family and friends. It truly has been a wonderful celebration."



James Gegg, Avila board of trustees chair, presents Dr. Slepitza with the presidential medallion while Bishop Robert W. Finn and province leader Mary Kay Liston, CSJ observe.

Harry Truman Lecture Series Kicks Off with Best-Selling Author

The Harry Truman Lecture Series will be held on Feb. 28, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in Goppert Theatre with guest lecturer Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ. Sr. Helen is the international best-selling author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*. The Avila University theatre department will present the play *Dead Man Walking*, opening March 1, and will feature a talk back session with Sr. Helen following the opening night performance. Presenting with Sr. Helen will be a myriad of speakers including judicial officials, exonerated death row prisoners, victims' rights activists, and more.

Tickets and information are available by calling the Office of Marketing & Communication at 816.501.3753 or by visiting www.avila.edu. The Harry Truman Lecture Series is a free event open to the general public.

Sincerely yours,



90th Anniversary Celebrated through Handel's *Messiah*

The music department of Avila University presented Handel's *Messiah* at their annual winter concert. The concert was conducted by Dr. Tom Stolberg, music artist in residence, and featured all four ensembles along with special guests among Avila's faculty, staff, alumni and friends. To commemorate Avila's 90th anniversary, 90 singers performed this timeless masterpiece.

Kristy Burge, soprano, was one of four soloists to perform for an audience of four hundred at the music department's winter concert.



Avila Students "Plunge" into Service for Others

Avila University is committed to providing students with a values-based education through scholarship and service to others. The first opportunity for Avila students to experience service is the annual event called the "Community Plunge."

First-year students participate collectively in a service project that benefits the global community. This year, students worked to benefit Harvesters – The Community Food Network. Students repackaged donated food to be distributed to local pantries and members of the greater Kansas City community.

"The Avila University mission and values are an integral part of the college experience at Avila. They are integrated into all aspects of the students' education and provide them with the tools necessary to be leaders in the community," said Sr. Marie Joan Harris, CSJ, Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs.

First-year student Juliet Valle joined nearly 300 Avila students, packaging 86,767 pounds of food at Harvesters, which equaled 66,744 meals.

Avila Celebrates History While Building for Future

Avila University is celebrating its 90th anniversary. The college opened its doors in 1916 to educate young women in the Kansas City area.

Avila can trace its beginning to 1650 in a small town, LePuy, France. There the original Sisters of St. Joseph banded together to respond to the needs of their community, nursing the sick and helping the homeless. In 1836, six members of the order found their way to the New World, and in 1866 five sisters came to Kansas City, where they opened the area's first private high school for young women.

In 1916, Saint Teresa College began classes as a two-year junior college. In 1940, the four-year college opened its doors in the newly erected Donnelly Hall. In 1963, construction began on the new campus at 119th and Wornall and the name was changed to Avila College to honor St. Teresa of Avila. In 2002, Avila became a "university" to better represent the academic offerings of the institution.

Celebrating 90 Years of Heritage, Service & Scholarship

Helping the Dear Neighbor

Avila Community Brings Christmas in October to Families in Need

On Oct. 14, twenty-eight faculty, staff and students joined together to assist the "dear neighbor" by working on a house for the Christmas in October outreach project in Kansas City. Avila workers built a wheelchair accessible ramp, tore out and refinished a screened-in porch, put a new door on the porch, painted the living room, painted indoor ceilings, cleaned out the back yard, razed a storage shed, repaired windows, repaired a cellar door, and repainted the entire exterior of the two-story structure. All of the work was completed within 12 hours.

Dave Armstrong, director of mission effectiveness and campus ministries, coordinated the project and said none of it would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of Don Blinzler, Kenny Stark and Chris Rocco. Dr. Ron Slepitz and his wife,



More than two dozen Avila faculty, staff and students helped make repairs on a home as part of the Christmas in October outreach program in Kansas City.

Suzanne, were among the many volunteers.

Many faculty and staff who wanted to help, but could not attend, donated over \$500.00 to help purchase supplies needed for the repairs.

Christmas in October is a Kansas City based non-profit group dedicated to assisting homeowners in need to repair and prepare their homes for the winter.



Rated “G” for Great Faculty

Dr. Dotty Hamilton, dean of the school of visual and communication arts, was featured in the recently released documentary, *This Film is Not Yet Rated*, directed by Academy Award nominee Kirby Dick.

The film concerns the MPAA rating system of which Hamilton researched for her 1999 dissertation titled “Silent Partner: A History of the Motion Picture Association of America Movie Ratings System.” Hamilton was interviewed in the film for her expertise and has been featured in several articles publicizing the film. The film was released nation-wide and received much critical acclaim. To find out more, visit www.ifc.com.

Focus on Faculty



Dr. Nancy Cervetti, professor of English and women’s studies, has an article forthcoming in the *Journal of Medical Humanities* entitled: “S. Weir Mitchell and His Snakes: Unraveling the ‘united web and woof of popular and scientific beliefs.’” The article focuses on Mitchell’s experimental medicine with venomous snakes in the context of the vivisection debates of the

nineteenth century.

In the article Dr. Cervetti explores the socialized fear of snakes and their effect on the phobias commonly experienced in society. S. Weir Mitchell, a prolific writer, neurologist, poet, and cultural icon, has been the focus of Dr. Cervetti’s scholarly research for over ten years. In 2001 she received a NEH Fellowship to read and transcribe his correspondence, and she has also researched his Civil War medicine with gunshot wounds and his controversial method of treatment, the rest cure, for women suffering from hysteria and neurasthenia. Dr. Cervetti is currently working on a biography of Mitchell.



Dr. Susan Fetsch has been selected to participate in a national fellowship program focused on leading the country’s health care system into the 21st century. She is one of twenty nurses in executive leadership roles nationwide selected as a 2006 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health

care issues facing our country. As the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and health care of all Americans, the Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change.

Dr. Fetsch is the dean of the school of nursing at Avila University and is currently leading the school of nursing through a \$1 million expansion project that will feature remodeled facilities, increased faculty, increased enrollment and new technology.

CORRECTIONS

Bonnie Givens, associate professor of accounting, was incorrectly listed as “retired” in the Fall 2006 issue of *Accent*. Bonnie is still serving Avila, working as a half-time faculty member in the school of business and has been with Avila for 30 years. We sincerely regret the error.

Breaking New Ground on Campus

The Avila University community gathered together on Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, to break ground for the Jeanne Collins Thompson Residence Hall. Set to open in the fall of 2007, the new facility will make room for 64 additional residents and will be the first of many projects that will further develop the sense of community on campus.

The project was made possible through the generous support of over 100 donors, including the Byron Thompson family, and will be named in honor of Jeanne Collins Thompson '54, who passed away in 2003.

"Jeanne always made sure that our family's home was a place of comfort for our children and guests, and our family hopes that this new residence hall will offer that same sense of home to the students that live here," Byron Thompson stated at the ceremony.

In addition to the new building, the project will include new sidewalks,



Byron Thompson, Bishop Robert W. Finn, President Ron Slepitzka, Providence Leader Sr. Mary Kay Liston, CSJ, Sr. Olive Louise Dallavis, CSJ, and Trustee Joe Fahey turn the first spades of dirt.

landscaping and a new parking lot. Renovations will also be completed over the next two years on the two existing residence halls, Carondelet and Ridgway, to provide a quality living environment for all students. If you are interested in supporting the residence

hall project, there is still time. Contact the advancement office at 816.501.3727 or make a donation using the enclosed envelope.

For construction updates, visit www.avila.edu/NewResHall.

Artist rendering of the proposed residence hall.



Avila Receives \$750,000 Capital Challenge Grant

Avila was awarded a capital challenge grant of \$750,000 from The Kresge Foundation to be used for the construction of the new 64-bed, suite-style Jeanne Collins Thompson Residence Hall.

“We are delighted to have the support of The Kresge Foundation as a part of our campaign. This grant will help us connect with our stakeholders and reach out to our alumni and friends in the community,” said Ron Slepitz, Ph.D., president. “The nature of the challenge grant is to help us strengthen our channels of support and encourage more of our constituents to play a

part in ensuring Avila’s future.”

The Kresge Foundation is a national foundation with \$3 billion in assets. Its core grant-making activity is its Capital Challenge Grant program. In this program, the Foundation focuses on opportunities to broaden sources of support and giving through challenge grants for capital projects. Avila was one of 155 recipients announced in September, with grants totaling over \$96 million.

We need your help to meet this challenge. Contact the advancement office at 816.501.3727 or use the enclosed envelope.

Students Answer the Call

Avila Eagle Callers Receive Fall Pledges

Our phon-a-thon program is a critical component of the success of the Annual Fund. Many universities use professional telemarketing firms to generate support for their annual funds, but at Avila we have found that no one can express the hopes and dreams of Avila University better than our own students. Avila’s Eagle Callers are a group of students that dedicate their time and energy to help Avila attain financial support for the Annual Fund. Your gift to the Annual Fund continues to make an Avila values-based education accessible to all qualified students.

This year, the Victor E. and Caroline E. Schutte Foundation-1959 Trust challenged Avila University to raise \$20,000 by Dec. 15. The Avila Eagle Callers accepted the challenge and called Avila alumni and friends to make a contribution to the Annual Fund. Avila alumni and friends answered the call, made their pledges and met the Schutte Challenge!

The Avila Eagle Callers wish to thank all of the alumni and friends for their support. They will begin making calls again in the spring to continue raising much needed dollars for the Annual Fund.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Annual Fund, please use the attached envelope or visit our Web site at www.avila.edu/advancement/donate.htm.



The Avila Eagle Callers raise funds for student scholarships through the phon-a-thon.

Alumnae Lead Volunteers to Success

Successful fund raising campaigns rely on the support of students, faculty and staff, board members, the community, and alumni. Avila concluded the most successful campaign in its history this December, thanks to a large circle of friends and their donations of time, energy and resources.

Sr. Ann Schorfheide, '54, and Mary Flucke, '54 served on an alumni committee for the campaign, making dozens of calls on behalf of the University. In addition to securing monetary commitments to the campaign, their efforts also reconnected fellow alumni to Avila. For their prior and current service to Avila, Sr. Ann was named the Alumna of the Year in 2004, and Mary received the Alumni Service Award in 2006.

Both Sr. Ann and Mary claim to be retired, but good luck finding either of them at home. Sr. Ann currently serves on the boards at Avila, St. Teresa's Academy, Carondelet Health, and the Child Health Coalition of Greater Kansas City. She's also a member of the professional advisory boards of Project EAGLE and the Avila school of nursing. Mary and her husband, Ben, have six children (three of whom attended Avila) and 13 grandchildren. In addition to her work at Avila, she volunteers at St. Thomas More parish and St. Joseph Health Center.



Sr. Ann Schorfheide and Mary Flucke, class of 1954, lead the alumni committee for the capital campaign.

Avila Opens “Smart” Classroom for Future Teachers

This fall, Avila opened its first version of what is known in the industry as a “smart” classroom to serve the students in the school of education. The project was made possible through the generous support of over 150 donors who attended the 30th annual Steer Dinner in March 2006 and contributed to the Fund-A-Need initiative during the live auction portion of the evening. Many students and faculty from the program were in attendance to encourage everyone's support for the project.



The smart classroom provides future teachers with the opportunity to develop their skills with the technology that is becoming increasingly more common in K-12 classrooms across the country. According to Dr. Laura Sloan, dean of the school of education, “It is critical that pre-service teachers have the opportunity to use the most current technology as they prepare to become excellent teachers. Today's children respond to and learn well with technology. Our Avila students must know how to integrate these strategies into their lessons. Our new classroom will make this possible.”

Nearly \$35,000 was pledged for the smart classroom, including an anonymous matching grant that helped the effort reach its goal.

“We are so grateful to each of the donors for making this classroom possible. It is of benefit to both the instructors and the Avila students. It is also a showpiece for potential students,” said Sloan.

Education students have the opportunity to use advanced technology teaching tools in Avila's “smart” classroom.

IN THE ZONE

2007 STEER DINNER MARCH 24, 2007

Avila University will celebrate "In the Zone," the 31st annual Steer Dinner, at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center on March 24, 2007. First held in 1977, the Steer Dinner is one of the longest running charity galas in Kansas City. Last year's event raised more than \$312,000 to benefit student scholarships, faculty development, and technology.

Enter the zone and celebrate the exciting and changing dynamics at the University with honorary chairs Joe and Sue Fahey, event chairs Tom and Virginia '58 Coppinger, event vice chairs Jack and Kathy '70 Newman. Meet Avila's new president, Dr. Ron Slepitz and his wife, Suzanne, and honor Steer Dinner founder and *president emerita*, Sister Olive Louise Dallavis.

FOR TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP
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CARRIE.MAYLE@AVILA.EDU,
YOU ALSO CAN VISIT THE WEB AT
WWW.AVILA.EDU/STEER.

S.O.L.D.
ON
STUDENTS

The Avila Steer Dinner Fund-A-Need has been changed to the S.O.L.D. Fund in honor of **Sister Olive Louise Dallavis**, *president emerita* and founder of the Avila Steer Dinner. This fund solely supports the Avila University Annual Scholarship Fund. For every \$250 or larger donation to the S.O.L.D. Fund, Avila University will match the gift and establish a scholarship in the donor's name for the following school year. Help honor Sister Olive Louise and her passion for Avila students.

MAKE YOUR GIFT ONLINE OR USE THE
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NOTE OF S.O.L.D.



In the Zone

From the top, Tom and Virginia Coppinger, Jack and Kathy Newman, Suzanne and Ron Slepitz, Sue and Joe Fahey and Sister Olive Louise Dallavis

Photography by Jeff Schotland/Schotland Photography

Avila Community Believes New President is Lucky Number Thirteen

Audiences sit captivated, nodding their heads in agreement, with the occasional “yes” escaping from their lips. No one jumps up and shouts, “Hallelujah!” but they have to fight the urge; they sit on the edge of their seats, leaning forward slightly, wanting to hear more and believing in the man speaking before them. A slight exaggeration or hyperbole? Not when Avila’s new president, Dr. Ron Slepitz, speaks; people tend to listen to him with enthusiasm and faith in the promise of the future.

Ron, as he prefers to be called, wears his emotions on his sleeve, which is literally accented by a white “ONE” wristband, symbolizing his support to fight global AIDS and extreme poverty. It is said that what matters most to a person – that which he holds dear – will be revealed within the first few meaningful moments of a conversation. With Ron, his voice cracks with emotion when discussing his wife, Suzanne, whom he refers to as his soulmate, and their two children, Molly and Andrew. Lily, a 45-pound “goldendoodle” that attends football games and other campus events, rounds out the family. Family is paramount to Ron. With Molly and Andrew in Los Angeles attending Loyola Marymount University, frequent cell phone calls and e-mails closely connect the Slepitz family.

Ron considers his newest family member to be

Avila University. Accepting his post July 24, 2006, Ron immediately started inspiring the campus community. Based on the trailblazing spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, his trademark-rallying cry is, “Act boldly in times of change.” Displaying his passion for excellence and a belief in the power of the collaborative spirit, Ron invited the campus community: faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to join with him in a journey towards a strong and prosperous Avila. “Think you know us, think again,” is a popular declaration Ron uses, challenging the community to get on board the change train. And everyone did.

Within the first sixty days of his presidency, Avila reached the \$14 million goal of its capital campaign, broke ground on the new Jeanne Collins Thompson residence hall, received its one-millionth visitor to the Web site, and celebrated its 90th anniversary. The momentum from these successes and the zeal of the new president has created a tangible energy on campus. Everyone can feel it. It is called faith. Faith that Avila will remain strong. Faith that Avila will see growth. Faith that the world will know what the Avila community has known all along – that Avila is a special place where students learn to be the best versions of themselves.

Communicating that message is one of Ron’s primary goals. “We have been too humble in the



Molly, Andrew, Ron, Suzanne and Lily
feel at home in Kansas City.

Ron's Resume

CAREER HISTORY:

Vice President for Student Development and Special Counsel to the President- Strategic Planning at Xavier University
Cincinnati, Ohio

Associate Vice President for Student Services - Creighton University
Omaha, Neb.

Director of Student and Staff Programs - Department of Residence
Life- University of Maryland

EDUCATION:

University of Maryland

Ph.D. Counseling and Student Personnel Administration

M.A. Counseling and Student Personnel Administration

St. Vincent's College
B.A. Psychology

President's Playlist

Simon and Garfunkel	>
The Beatles	>
Chicago	>
Crosby, Stills and Nash	>
The Doors	>
Joni Mitchell	>
Blood, Sweat and Tears	>
Bob Dylan	>
The Rolling Stones	>
Fleetwood Mac	>
Neil Diamond	>
Jimmy Webb	>
Mark Knopfler	>
U2	>
Aimee Mann	>
Antigone Rising	>
Blue Merle	>
Coldplay	>
Death Cab for Cutie	>
Jeff Buckley	>

Dr. Ron has more than 3,500 songs on his iPod.
Here are some of his favorite groups.



The Honorable Charles Eddy, Councilman of the Sixth District, presented Dr. Slepitzka with the key to the city at the Oct. 20 inauguration.

telling of our story. It is time for humility to humbly recede. There are so many good things happening today that we should shout them out for others to take notice,” Ron said in his inaugural speech on October 20.

Ron believes his goals for Avila can only be achieved through strategic collaboration. While he may see himself as the catalyst for change, he knows that to reach the future he has envisioned for the University, he needs the community to act as a whole. He is modest about his role in the process and thinks the people of Avila are its strength. “If we are out shopping and Ron is wearing an Avila shirt, someone will ask him about it,” Suzanne says. “They ask about his connection to the University. He says, ‘I work there.’ He doesn’t say he’s president; Ron emphasizes the Avila stories, not that he is *president*. With Ron, the important messages are about the students, the faculty and the staff, not his position,” Suzanne said.

Ron’s affability as a “regular guy” endears him with the students. He knows their success is critical to Avila’s future. Resolutely student-centered, Ron makes it a passion to understand their world. One way that he connects with the Millennials, the term used to describe those born after 1982, is through music. Ron listens to his iPod, the transistor radio of the 21st century, and has more than 3,500 songs on an external hard drive because he has downloaded from the Internet more than his iPod’s capacity. When forced to choose, his favorite song is “America” by Simon and Garfunkel. “Its sense of angst captured much of the feelings of uncertainty during the late 60s, early 70s,” Ron offers as way of an explanation. He is less specific when selecting a favorite musical group. “There is just so much great music from all eras and types that it is really hard to limit myself to a favorite group. At different times, different music strikes me,” he said. “When I listen, I like to savor the music, the instrumentation, the vocalization, the phrasing, and the mix.” He shares his music choices with the rest of the family, sometimes with mixed reviews. “I just listen to whatever Ron puts on my iPod,” said Suzanne, but Molly likes *most* of her dad’s song choices, “Sometimes the songs are weird,” she says with Andrew nodding in agreement, “but he listens to cool stuff, too.” (See Ron’s favorite artists in box.)

In addition to toting his iPod, Ron also carries a Blackberry – not the fruit – but the phone/personal communication device that keeps him connected to everyone, all of the time, through instant access e-mail and phone calls. He has even been known to check his e-mail while sitting in his car at a red light. No moment is wasted when there are good works left to be done.

Those fortunate enough to have met president number thirteen know that “lucky” does not describe the man whose plans for Avila University require bold actions and collaborative strategic planning. They know that Avila’s future is bright and promising with Ron blazing the trail. Avila is lucky, indeed. ●



Suzanne Slepitzka

When Ron Slepitzka became the new president, Avila was blessed with a vivacious and outspoken advocate for the University in his wife, Suzanne. Eager to engage the community, Suzanne does not stand idle behind her man, choosing instead to support him by opening her home, and heart, to students, faculty, staff, and alumni, all for the good of the University. As soon as they get settled in their new house, Suzanne intends to open their home for community functions and hosting alumni and donor receptions. “I enjoy the enthusiasm and environment of Avila and want to help increase its exposure in the Kansas City community, as well as in the region at large,” Suzanne said. “I want to help make Avila more visible and engage people in dialogue about the University.”

Above: Lily, the Slepitzka’s goldendoodle, proudly wears purple at Avila’s Homecoming while playing catch with Suzanne and Ron.

2006 Alumni Award Recipients Honored

Alumni who have made exceptional contributions to their communities and Avila University were honored during the 2006 Homecoming celebration. This year's recipients were:

**Mary Agnes Medill
Kitchin '57**
Outstanding Alumni
Award

Jack Kitchin
Honorary Alumni Award

**Mary Anne Gripka
Flucke '54**
Alumni Service Award

**Marty Meagher
Downey '65**
Alumni Achievement
Award

**Patricia Ulrich
Crosetti '87**
Graduate Award in
Business

Jeanette Miller '04
Recent Alumni Award

**Kimberly Wilcox
Sheek '82**
Lifetime Board Member

Eric J. Schmidt '87, '89
Alumni Award in
Psychology

**Anna Bailey Coles,
PhD, '58**
Alumni Award in Nursing

Stacy Heard, '97
Alumni Award in
Education



L-R: Jack Kitchin, Mary Agnes Kitchin, Jeanette Miller, Anna Coles, Pat Crosetti, Ron Slepitz, Mary Flucke, Eric Schmidt, Stacy Heard, Marty Downey (not pictured: Kim Sheek)

FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD

Membership in the alumni association is automatic upon your graduation from Avila University. The alumni board, elected from the more than 14,000 graduates, meets every other month, working diligently to represent the association to Avila's administration. The goals for the alumni association include reconnecting graduates to the institution and one another, and encouraging feedback and suggestions from all of our alums. Meetings are open to everyone. Please check the Web site for dates and times. The Avila alumni Web site is currently under construction so check back often to enjoy a more engaging and dynamic Web community!

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Secretary—Karen Baum '94
Past President—Derek Feagans '95

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Amy Chung '06
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Alicia Cabrera-Hill '02
Michele Kerwin '72
Brad Koper '96
Cathy Fick McDaniel '72
Keith Richcreek '05
Marybeth Swartz '47
Deborah Wright '99

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Lisa Swartz '03

Alumni Events

February 9-10

Great Wolf Lodge Weekend
See the ad below.

March 24

Avila Steer Dinner

See more information on page 11 of this issue of *Accent*.

March 31 – April 1

Alumni Trip to St. Louis

Leave Kansas City on Saturday, March 31, 2007, at 8 am. Enjoy lunch at First Watch in Chesterfield, Mo. before arriving at the historic Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. After a short rest in your room at the Motherhouse, tour the beautiful surroundings, including the chapel.

Saturday evening, you will be treated to an incredible buffet at the Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis and the Broadway production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" before returning to the Motherhouse for the evening. The next morning, celebrate mass at the nearby Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Then, reboard the van for your return trip to Kansas City for the all-inclusive price of \$175. (Details subject to change)

Call Lisa Swartz at 816-501-3780 for more details or check the Web site at www.avila.edu/alumni/events

May 12

Graduation

October 12-20

Italy Trip

See information on the back cover.

A Holly Jolly Holiday Tea



Guests enjoy tea, sandwiches and conversation with the host, Suzanne Slepitz, at the Holiday Tea. Later, they were treated to Christmas carols performed by ensemble groups from the music department led by Dr. Amity Bryson.

Answer The Call for Alumni Family Fun

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Questions? Contact Lisa Swartz at 816-501-3780 or Lisa.Swartz@avila.edu.



Members of the Honored Class of 1956

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Alumni, family and friends watched the Eagles take the field during the Homecoming game.

Homecoming 2006 kicked off the 90th Anniversary of Avila University! Several hundred alumni attended dozens of events, sharing stories, catching up with friends, and touring the campus. A special highlight of the weekend included a heritage display, featuring photos and memorabilia from the College of St. Teresa, Avila College, and Avila University. Alumni also enjoyed a tailgate party, football game, and the theatre production of "Inspecting Carol," which included a gourmet dinner. Check the Web site for information on next year's event!

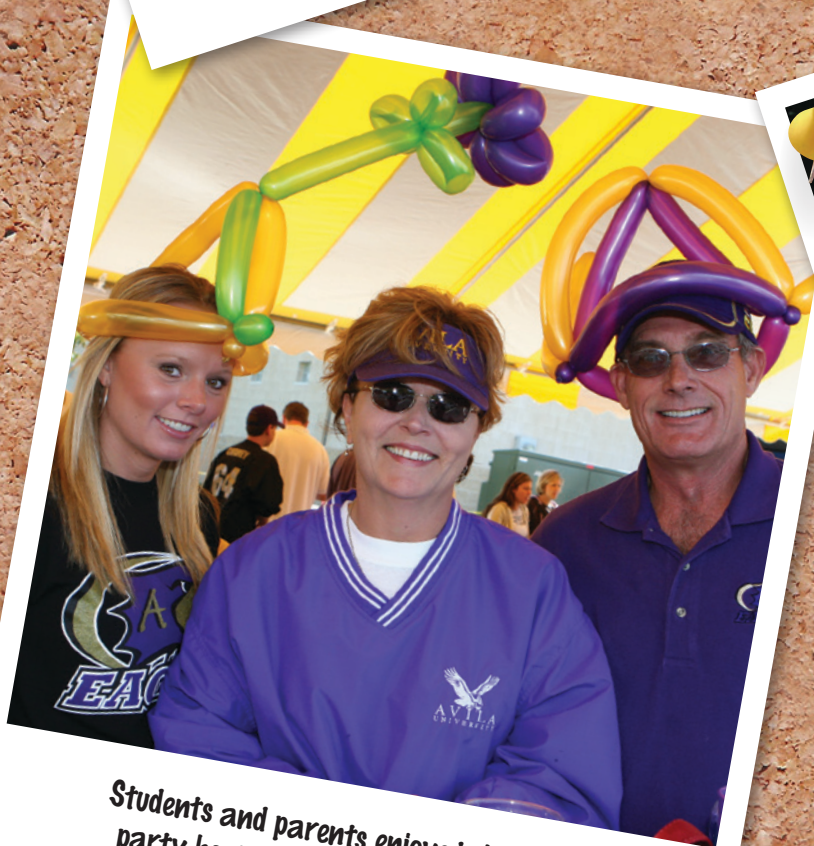
THE BIG NINE-O
Avila Homecoming 2006
SUPER SHOW



Mary Flucke, Pat Corcoran Voorhes, Mary Judge Watson and Marie Carroll Cooke enjoyed the alumni breakfast.



Future alums Brian Poterbin and Megan Easterday were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.



Students and parents enjoyed the tailgate party hosted by the alumni association.



Alumni attended the dinner theatre before the production of "Inspecting Carol."

'54 Mary Lathrop Stewart lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her husband, Robert, who is now retired from Procter & Gamble, have seven children and 12 grandchildren. Six of their children live in the Cincinnati vicinity and one daughter lives in Washington and works as a state legislator. Mary received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'58 Kathryn Gordon Murphy has retired and keeps herself very busy with volunteer work, book clubs and card groups. She is enjoying retirement which also allows her to see her brother, former Avila President, Tom Gordon, quite often. Kathy received her bachelor of science in education from Avila.

'61 Patricia (Patsy) Phelps Evans retired from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004 as a senior lecturer in the Clinical Laboratory Science Program in the department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the medical school with emerita status. She now volunteers at Our Lady Queen of Peace with Red Cross blood drives and outreach for parishioners with transportation for mass. She is a member of the Wisconsin AARP State Coordinating Council and a member of the Wisconsin State Supreme Court preliminary review committee for the office of lawyer regulation. Patsy received her bachelor of science in chemistry from Avila.

'61 Kelly Eiken Harden now works part time for Vocational Rehabilitation in Jefferson City. She has four grandsons ages two, four and six and one born on August 7, 2006. Kelly received her bachelor of science in education from Avila.

'61 Bonnie Hudson Gunckel is a registered dietitian and owner of Medical Nutritional Therapists, Inc., a consulting dietetics practice in Fort

Wayne, Ind. She is also currently serving as president of the Indiana Consultant Dietitians Group. Bonnie is planning to sell her practice and retire sometime this year. She looks forward to spending more time with her family. Bonnie received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'61 Virginia Whitten Pell is enjoying retirement. Virginia received her bachelor of arts in history from Avila.

'64 Barbara Wedow Beam now resides in Bundoora, a suburb of Melbourne, Australia, where she moved to be with her daughter, Rosemary, and granddaughter. She previously retired from the Social Security Administration where she worked after teaching school for several years. She has also retired from the two churches where she was serving as an Episcopal priest in Noel and Neosho, Mo. Her other daughter, Serena Fox, a '95 Avila grad, lives in the Kansas City area. Barbara received her bachelor of arts in education from Avila.

'64 Sally Otto Merten is happy to announce the arrival of a grandson, William (Will) James Belleville III on October 13, 2006. He joins her other grandsons, Ryan and Adam Merten. Sally received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'65 Judy Dunleavy Henscheid has lived in Idaho for nearly 40 years. She teaches computer lab at the local Catholic school. While she keeps busy at school, her husband, who is now retired, stays active teaching skiing. She also enjoys living fairly close to her three children and her grandchildren. Judy received her bachelor of arts in mathematics from Avila.

'66 Sarah (Sally) Dove Reinemeyer lives in Houston and is retired from her data center

manager position with Texaco. She is enjoying her free time traveling and volunteering and has been learning about nanotechnology. She and her husband have three daughters, Anneliese, Charlotte and Gretchen. Sarah received her bachelor of arts in mathematics from Avila.

'66 Lila Nichols Jones has recently relocated to Lexington, Mo., after retiring from teaching 20 years ago. She is enjoying her retirement and keeps busy writing, quilting and exercising three times a week. She also keeps busy with her new great grandchildren as well as her grandchildren. Lila received her bachelor of arts in history from Avila.

'70 Cathy Keleher Mishkin is now in her 30th year at King & Low Heywood Thomas School in Stamford, Conn. She has served as a music teacher, performing arts chair, dean of students, head of the Upper School and now as a history teacher. In the summer, she teaches music K-5 in a program called Horizons that has grown and is now operating in several states. The purpose of the program is to work with students with potential from low income areas. She also serves on two boards: Summer Theater of New Canaan, Conn., and the Pro Arte Singers, a professional singing group. Both of these jobs have helped hone her development and fund raising skills and have made her much more appreciative of the fragility of non-profit organizations. On the weekends she directs a children's choir and fills in for the organist a few times a year. Cathy received her bachelor of arts in music from Avila.

'71 Helen Marie Fotovich is currently a substitute teacher for the USD 500 School District in Kansas City, Kan., where she works with grades K-12 as well as special education, art and physical

education classes. She finds it to be an exciting profession where she is able to meet children from every economic spectrum. Helen received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'74 Deanne Bodenhausen

Bronaugh graduated from the Executive MBA program at UMKC's Bloch School of Business and Public Administration in May, 2006. Deanne received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'74 Kathleen Kittinger Young

works as a clinical nursing instructor and staff nurse for Lee Memorial Health Systems emergency services. She is a CEN (Certified Emergency Nurse) and instructor for ACLS, TNCC, and CATN-II courses. She and her husband, Andrew J. Chapman II, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in October 2006. They are both retired from the U.S. Army. They have one daughter, Whitney, and a granddaughter, Camryn. Kathleen received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'74 Ruth Campos is pleased to be celebrating 50 years of teaching. She is celebrating it with pride and thanking God for the life that He has chosen for her. She has enjoyed

teaching at international schools in Peru, at Sumner Academy and some of the other schools in the area plus her ten years as the director of the School of Religion in Kansas City, Kan. Ruth received her bachelor of science in education from Avila.

'75 Sharon Jacobs

worked as a counselor for the Kansas City, Kan., Housing Authority for 10 years. She also has volunteered for the Cray Diabetes Management Center at KU Medical Center and Hope Center. Sharon received her bachelor of arts in psychology from Avila.

'79 Sue King continues her work at Avila University as the associate vice president for academic affairs. She received her master's degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and her Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Kansas. She has been at Avila for seven years and has two children who are currently attending Avila as well. Sue received her bachelor of arts in mathematics and special education from Avila.

'79 Rachel Peuster was named Henry County Library "Patron of the Month." Rachel received her bachelor of arts in education from Avila.

'82 Sarah Benedick Chase

currently works as the traffic manager for the Royals Sports Television Network. Sarah received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'84 James Wright lives in Kansas City and continues to work steadily as an actor and singer throughout the midwest, appearing in plays, musicals, cabaret theatre, television, radio, film and corporate videos. His next CD, *Center Stage: Songs of Spirit from the Musical Theatre*, is due to be released in the spring of 2007. Jim received his bachelor of arts from Avila.

'84 Josetta Wahwassuck began her duties at the Dr. William Haynie Bates County Medical Clinic in Butler, Mo. Josetta received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'88 Chass Cox currently works as a currency daytrader with FOREX (Foreign Currency Exchange). Chass received his bachelor of arts in psychology from Avila.

'89 Ann Wycoff Raab started in the Ph.D. program in archaeology at the University of Kansas in fall 2006, focusing on the historical archaeology of the Missouri and Kansas area during the 1840s - 1860s (primarily

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looking at the archaeology of slavery). Ann received her bachelor of arts in theatre from Avila.

'91 Larry Little and his wife, Donna, welcomed a new baby, Emma. She joins her sisters, Erica, Julia and Breanna. Larry is currently working at the Kansas City office of Sanofi-Aventis, the third largest pharmaceutical company in the world, as a director of regulatory affairs. Larry received his bachelor of science and masters of business administration from Avila.

'91 Shirley Cowden Yarick taught at Fort Scott Community College (Paola extension), Johnson County Community College and Avila until retiring to care for her father. She now teaches Bible study classes on a volunteer basis at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection and writes curriculum for Adult Christian Education classes. Shirley received her bachelor of arts in English and her master of arts in education from Avila.

'93 Connie Mistler Davidson received her master of science in Special Education from the University of Kansas. She taught at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan. for the past five years and recently accepted a position teaching at Wyandotte Academy, an alternative school. Connie received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'94/'04 Kathie Finestead has relocated to Dallas and is working as an organizational consultant for a healthcare IT firm. Kathie received her bachelor of arts in psychology and her masters in counseling psychology from Avila.

'96 Jennifer Harris has been back in Kansas City for about five years now and is director of the Child Care Center at Saint Luke's

A Blast from Our Past. . .



Do you recognize these students? If you can tell us anything about this picture (names, date, event, etc.), please contact the editor at karen.baum@avila.edu. Our findings will be published in the next issue of *Accent*.

Hospital on the Country Club Plaza. Jenny received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'96 Shirley Humphrey Winn was named senior deputy director for Fannie Mae's Kansas City Community Business Center, servicing both Kansas and Missouri's affordable housing financing needs. Shirley received her masters of business administration in finance from Avila.

'96 Sarah Ellerman accepted a position at her former company, Bibb and Associates, an engineering firm in Lenexa, Kan., as manager of marketing. Sarah received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'96 Susan Finch Ruiz was inaugurated on July 1 as president of the 800-member volunteer organization at St. Joseph Medical Center. Susan received her bachelor of science in natural science from Avila.

'97 Christina Czarev
VanCleave was married to Bruce VanCleave on April 22, 2006. She and her husband are now expecting their first child in May 2007. Christina received her bachelor of science in social work from Avila.

'97 Jennifer McCowen Green began teaching but changed careers after the birth of her four children. She will graduate with her bachelor of science in nursing in Spring 2007 and plans to work in the MICU at St. Luke's Hospital. Jennifer has been married for 10 years. Jennifer received her bachelor of arts in art with a minor in secondary education from Avila.

'98 Stacey DeMarco received a promotion to paralegal at Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus PC on Aug. 1, 2006. Stacey received her bachelor of science in business administration from Avila.

'98 Carolyn Dailey Cameron began working at Grain Valley Schools as the executive director

of human resources and auxiliary services. Carolyn received her bachelor of social work from Avila.

'99 Chad Lewis and his wife, Sara, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on Feb. 15, 2006. Her name is Ava Grace Lewis. Chad received his bachelor of science in marketing from Avila.

'99 Jodie Carter published her first book, "Wiring 101," in May 2006. She has also published magazine articles with *Entrepreneur*, *My Business* and *Training* magazines. Jodie received her bachelor of science in marketing from Avila.

'99 Rod Wittenberg was featured in the *Kansas City Star*, the *Council Grove Republican*, the *Poplar Bluff Daily*, *American Republic* and the *Lebanon Daily Record* for his work protecting rattlesnakes in the area. Rod received his bachelor of science in biology from Avila.

'00 Tiffany Bratton married David Kent in 2003 and the couple welcomed a daughter, Tara Nicole, on October 6, 2005 who joins big brother, Daniel. Tiffany started a freelance writing business in 2003. Tiffany received her bachelor of arts in communications from Avila.

'00 Mike Muller was married to Jennifer Awrey on July 22, 2006. Mike received his bachelor of science in marketing from Avila.



'00 Bob Turner and wife, **Melissa Vasko Turner '02**, celebrated the birth of their second child, Maison, in April 2006. She joins her big sister, Logan. Bob works as a claims supervisor for the state of Missouri for Farmers Insurance and the family has recently relocated to St. Louis, Mo. Bob received his bachelor of science in marketing and Melissa received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'01 Therese Cox gave birth to a little girl, Ella Michele, October 2, 2006. Therese received her bachelor of arts in communications and master of business administration from Avila.



'02 Sarah Hall is engaged to Denny McKee from Kansas City. The couple are planning an April 2007 wedding. Sarah received her bachelor of arts in history from Avila.

'02 Jackie Lennon is currently a realtor for Keller Williams Realty. Jackie received her bachelor of arts in sociology from Avila.

'02 Erin Wilson Rentfro began working as the assistant principal at South School in Eldon, Mo. Erin received her bachelor of science in special education from Avila.

'03 Jamie Cox began working as an admissions representative at Avila University in July, 2006. Jamie received her bachelor of arts in communications from Avila.

'03 Crystal Holt was married to Jay Ayers on September 9, 2006. Crystal received a bachelor of science in radiologic technology from Avila.

'04 Lauren Chiodo is currently working on another bachelor's degree in human biology at Cleveland Chiropractic College and going into the Doctor of Chiropractic program in May of 2007. Lauren received her bachelor of arts in music from Avila.

'04 Shannon Goethe Hiser continues to work at Gillis Center as a family reunion specialist. She is currently working on getting her Missouri license through Gillis. She and her husband welcomed a son, Jack Christopher Hiser, on Sep. 14, 2006. Shannon received her masters in counseling psychology from Avila.

'04 Sarah Frutche Woodward welcomed a son, Lincoln Paul Woodward on Sep. 6, 2006. Sarah received her teaching certificate in speech/theatre education from Avila.



'04 Jaclyn Vasko Solomon married Ryan Solomon '06 on Sep. 9, 2006. Jaclyn received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila and currently works as a nurse at an OB/GYN office at St. Joseph Medical Center. Ryan received his degree in sociology with the intent of criminal justice and currently works at Truman Medical Center as an armed security guard. His plan is to join a local police force. The couple currently lives in Blue Springs.

'04 Shannon Dowd was married to Tom Sam Schmidt on October 6, 2006. Shannon is currently a cardiothoracic surgical nurse at St. Luke's in Kansas City, Mo. Shannon received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'05 Heather Harris Adams is in her fourth year of teaching 11th grade English and is currently advising the *Trojan Times*, the high school newspaper, at Osawatomie High School in Osawatomie, Kan. With the arrival of her son, Maverick Nikoli, from Russia in December 2005, she began teaching part time in that same position. Heather received her masters in education from Avila.

'05 Josh Dickey was just promoted to assistant manager at Helzberg Diamonds at Zona Rosa in the Northland. Josh received his bachelor of arts in psychology from Avila.

'05 Clara Holland married Andrew Liles on June 10, 2006. Clara received her master of arts in education from Avila.

'05 Vanessa Lewis received a promotion. She started her new job on October 16, 2006. She is a transportation operations specialist with General Services Administration, Federal Government in Kansas City, Mo. Vanessa received her bachelor of science in business administration from Avila.

'05 Misty DeMoss Burch gave birth to Paul Edward Burch V on August 25, 2006. Misty received her bachelor of arts in psychology from Avila.

'05 Christopher Frye was named Building Teacher of the Year 2005-2006 at Ruskin High School where he has taught art for the past nine years.

'05 Nicholas Langley was married to Jessica Patton on September 16, 2006. Nicholas received his bachelor of science in business administration from Avila.

'05 Abbie Maring graduated in August with her graduate degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She earned her degree through the MU Fellowship program. This year she is teaching first grade at Richardson Elementary in Lee's Summit, Mo. Abbie received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'06 Yawovi Agbessi Gblokpor is currently working at Duke University Medical Center's research program called "Duke Developmental Epidemiology Program" as a computer programmer. He is now living in Durham, N.C. Yawovi received his bachelor of science in information science from Avila.

'06 Jamie Richardson began working as a first grade teacher at Harrisonville Elementary school and is the seventh-grade volleyball coach. Jamie received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

TALKback *letters to the editor*

I saw the write up and am very appreciative of what Sr. Marie and others have done to support me to be where I am today. I have been truly blessed to come through Avila. I relate my story to many and how my life at Avila shaped me profoundly. Someone once asked, "You are so humble and it shows in leadership style with your department; how did this happen?" I relate the support I received from Sr. Marie and Dr. Andregg. I will never forget. I will continue to pray for you and your labor of love to humanity.

Take care and God bless
Dr. Ibraheem Badejo '84

Editor's Note: Ibraheem is the young man mentioned by Sr. Marie Joan Harris in the article *All in the Family, Accent fall 2006*.

I had to drop a note to tell you how much I enjoyed your most recent issue. For once I got a glimmer of the intellectual life of the college, often buried beneath the sports. I especially liked the page on the work of the faculty. But I also was pleased by the presence of the many cultures that contribute to the life of the college and to which its graduates contribute. And I was happy to see the attention paid to the college's past.

Kudos,
Virginia Bartholome Rohan, Ph.D. '60

Revisiting the Blast from Our Past. . .

In the previous issue of *Accent*, we asked you, our readers, to comment on the photo to the right. Here is what you had to say. . .

The Avila student in the “Blast from the Past” photo is Wayne Simien. My husband, Mike, and I graduated in 1974 from Immaculata High School with Wayne. Wayne and I served on Student Council together! It was fun to see our classmate in the *Accent*.

Our son, Kyle, is a senior at Avila this year.

Cindy (Gabrish) Kelsay and Mike Kelsay

This picture is of Wayne Simien, and we were all out in the quad in 1976. Thanks for that blast from the past.

Kindest Regards,

Meg (Nelson) Warren '79

We just received the current issue of *Accent* and the photo on page 22 brought back fond memories of our youth. The gentleman in question, holding the Frisbee, would be Wayne Simien, one of the members of Avila’s first basketball team, Avalanche. My husband, Dave, also played on the team with Wayne and we instantly recognized him. The “inaugural” team started in the fall of 1974, so that would place the photo somewhere around ’74 to ’78 since Wayne started as a freshman.

I’m guessing that was just one of the spur-of-the-moment activities taking place in the quad during nice weather. I’m sure everyone will recall that Wayne is the father of Wayne Simien who played basketball for the University of Kansas and after graduation, went on to play for the Miami Heat, 2005-06 NBA Champions.

Thanks for the memories.

Kathleen Lucash Hudson '75

David Hudson '76



Barry O'Neill Scanlan passed away July 12, 2006. She was a professor of psychology and sociology at Avila.

Ron Coles passed away July 12, 2006. Ron worked as a technical director and assistant professor of theatre at Avila.

'47 Betty Ritchie Hornstra passed away Nov. 10, 2006. Betty received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'49 Alice Mattoon Herman passed away Nov. 27, 2006. Alice received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'49 Mary Jean Lynch passed away July 29, 2006. Mary received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'52 Marj Fronke Madden passed away in November 2006. Marj received her bachelor of arts from Avila.

'60 Mary Elizabeth Huppe Anderson Muller passed away Nov. 16, 2006. Mary received her bachelor of science in education from Avila.

'61 Katherine Leitner Aguilar passed away in October 2006. Katherine received her bachelor of arts in English from Avila.

'64 Samuel Stephen Bliss passed away Sep. 18, 2006. Samuel received his bachelor of arts from Avila.

'68 Vivian Kennedy Huckaby passed away Oct. 25, 2006. Vivian received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'71 Clara Staponski Bartkoski passed away Nov. 30, 2006. Clara received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'77 Marilyn Ewert Coleman passed away Sep. 11, 2006. Marilyn received her B.S.N. from Avila.

'82 Thomas K. Crosbie passed away Nov. 10, 2006. Thomas received his bachelor of science from Avila.

'88 Traci Ann Ervin passed away Aug. 30, 2006. Traci received her bachelor of science in business administration from Avila.

'90 Marilyn Collins Purnell passed away Oct. 9, 2006. Marilyn received her B.S.W. from Avila.

'92 Ronald Wayne Gaither passed away Nov. 19, 2006. Ronald received his bachelor of arts in public administration from Avila.

'99 Charles Prentice Myers passed away Oct. 3, 2006. Charles received his certification in education from Avila.

Avila students enjoy sledding during breaks between classes.



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